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Mr. Ken Lammers  
U.S. Department of the Interior  
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6950 Americana Parkway, Suite H  
Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068-4127

Re: CSX Transportation – abandonment exemption in Pike County, Ohio  
STB Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 622X)

Dear Mr. Lammers:

This letter is to confirm our conversation on July 25, 2003, concerning the removal of the rail infrastructure along the CSXT line in Pike County, Ohio, in conjunction with the abandonment authority granted by the Surface Transportation Board on May 5, 2003.

As I stated before, CSXT does not plan on cutting any trees in the process of removing the rail and ties along the line. Our contractors typically limit their activity to the railroad right-of-way. They will go along and pull the spikes from the rail, lay the rail to the side, and then cut it up for removal by truck. The contractor will then pick up the tie plates, anchors, bolts, and washers manually or using trucks with large magnets. The ties are then removed with mechanized equipment. All of this work is performed in the right-of-way. Since there are two timber trestle bridges spanning county roads on the line, some removal of brush next to the pilings will have to be performed to remove the structures.

Because of the nature of the removal process, we feel that there will be minimal or no impact to high quality fish and wildlife habitats in the area. Our contractors plan on starting work in the next month. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Heidi Bash", written in a cursive style.

Heidi Bash  
Director – Asset Management

cc: David Navecky – Surface Transportation Board  
Natalie Rosenberg – CSXT  
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